

Oil Pad Complex

Southern Area Type 2 Incident Management Team Friday, June 17, 2011 8:00 PM



Fire Information:

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Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 $\underline{http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm}$

www.inciweb.org

| Current Status | The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,504 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Firefighters are using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals such as endangered Florida Panthers and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers. Today fire behavior was stabilized due to low winds. This morning the Preserve delegated management of the complex to the Southern Area Type 2 Incident Management team under the command of Mike Dueitt. |
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| Planned Events | Planned events for Saturday include continuing low impact fire suppression techniques to keep fires within their current perimeters. When needed, firefighters will be transported by helicopter to attack fires in remote locations. More firefighters and equipment will be arriving on scene including three 20 person hand crews. |

| Fire | Estimated acreage | Percent Containment | Start Date |
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| North | 5,878 | 0% | June 13 |
| Oil Pad | 3,149 | 0% | June 13 |
| Bundschu South | 1,391 | 25% | June 13 |
| Kissimmee Billie | 25 | 50% | June 13 |
| Corral | 61 | 0% | June 16 |

| Number of Personnel | 59 | | |
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| Equipment | Two large helicopters, two small helicopters, six engines. | | |
| Cooperators | Florida Division Of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Florida and U.S. Fish and Wildlife | | |
| | Service. | | |
| Restrictions and | Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry | | |
| Closures | activity. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in | | |
| | effect. | | |
| Fire Weather | Partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and 50% chance of afternoon showers and | | |
| | thunderstorms. Temperatures will be hot from 92 to 95 and humidity of 38 to 43 | | |
| | percent. Winds will come from the southeast 8 to 10 mph with gusts to the mid teens | | |
| | in the afternoon. A west coast seas breeze may affect some fires. | | |